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The Honorable Ken Calvert
Chairman
Subcommittee on Water and Power
Committee on Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, I am writing to offer our support for H.R. 2828, the Water Supply Reliability and Environmental Improvement Act.

Your legislation will achieve major improvements in recycled water, desalination and groundwater storage programs nationwide as well as provide critically needed authorization for continued federal participation in the CALFED Bay-Delta program in California.

In particular, the Title 1 proposal to create a nationwide competitive grants program to support the planning, design and construction of water reuse facilities represents a vital step in helping our country to meet the economic and environmental challenges posed by increasing scarce potable water supplies.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with you and the Subcommittee, and look forward to the bill's consideration. If we can provide any assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,
INLAND EMPIRE UTILITIES AGENCY

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